
Subject: Social Security Benefits

Everyone knows that out of control congressional spending of the Social Security Trust Fund is what has led to the current funding problem.

That fund was stocked by direct contributions of employers and employees and the self-employed as a mandated personal investment. The has no moral right to reduce benefits for anyone who has contributed.

That was supposed to be "our" money, not a slush fund for pork constipated legislation whims. The problem is therefore a national problem. The participants in the Social Security system should not be tossed under the bus just because a foolish congress/federal government spent the money wrongfully.

Therefore, the entire country should be taxed to a sufficient measure to restore the trust fund to it's proper level of solvency. It doesn't matter that 10 retirees will be supported by 100 workers. Those workers were dumb enough to elect self-centered legislators who spent the American Security Dream. Therefore the problem belongs to that same group, the entire country.

Let the entire country be taxed to make good on the original deal.

As one possible alternative, require those who already have a "secure" income in excess of \$60,000 from other sources and accumulated assets be excluded from the retirement income benefit altogether. This is another form of the wealthy, i.e., those who don't really need the benefits, being forced to forego their entitlement as a form of "giving back" to the society that put them where they are today.